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## Man Charged with Accidental Fatal Shooting of Friend at Tarzana Hiking Trail

A 20-year-old man has been charged with accidentally killing a 24-year-old woman at a Tarzana hiking trail, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Heriberto Gonzalez, aka Kirby, (dob 5/27/96) was charged yesterday with one felony count each of involuntary manslaughter and unlawful firearm activity and two felony counts of discharge of a firearm with gross negligence.

Case LA084913 includes one misdemeanor count each of carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle in a city and carrying a loaded firearm in one's person in a city.

Gonzalez pleaded not guilty to the charges and is scheduled to return on Dec. 19 in Department 122 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Dec. 4, Gonzalez and a group of friends which included victim Angela Hernandez allegedly went on a hiking trail near Vanalden Avenue to shoot a handgun, prosecutors said. After returning to their vehicle, the defendant is alleged to have accidentally discharged the firearm, fatally shooting the victim who was sitting in the front passenger seat, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Gonzalez faces more than four years in state prison. Bail is recommended at \$35,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau.

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